RADIO OPERATORS

303. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of radio operators;

(*b*) whether they are all given any pay and if so, what is the pay;

(*c*) whether they are all given any allowance besides their pay and if so, what amount;

(*d*) whether there are any radio operators who are neither paid nor given any allowance;

(*e*) whether any of the radio operators have been ordered to refund the amount drawn by them?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 13.

(*b*) No. Only an allowance of Rs. 12 per mensem is being paid.

(*c*) It has been now ordered that they are eligible for a dearness allowance of Rs. 12 also.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes; but the objection has since been withdrawn.

CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR TRAINING ABROAD

304. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

how many candidates selected by Government to undergo technical training abroad in connection with Post-war Development have already left the State and who are they?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

One. Mr. P. V. John.

USE OF COKE BY INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS

305. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) was coke being used by industrial concerns in Cochin during pre-war days;

(*b*) if so, how many concerns were using coke and what was the annual consumption of coke;

(*c*) is coke available now; if not, when was it that it ceased to be available;

(*d*) is there any control over distribution of coke in India;

(*e*) if so, did Cochin apply for a quota;

(*f*) how many industrial concerns in the State applied for quota for coke and what was the total quantity applied for;

(*g*) did the India Government allow any quota for Cochin; if so, what was the quota;

(*h*) was this quota imported, if not, why not;

(*i*) did Government take any steps to assure an adequate supply of coke for industrial purposes in the State?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 7 concerns. Annual consumption 200 tons approximately.

(*c*) Coke is available now.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) 11 concerns. (See statement appended).—*Appendix III*—The total quantity applied for is 393 tons.

(*g*) Yes. 2 waggon loads for the period August to October 1945.

(*h*) It was imported.

(*i*) Yes.

ARECANUT DUTY COLLECTED—PARTICULARS OF

306. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the amount of arecanut duty collected in the State during the months of Chingam, Kanni and Thulam 1121;

(*b*) what is the total anticipated income under the head for the year 1121;

(*c*) what was the total collection under the head in the year 1120;

(*d*) what is the amount that has been received by the State as its share from the All India Pool during the last financial year?

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